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Weſtminſter, December 1.

HIS Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from his Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, his Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

SINCE your laſt Meeting, I have, purſuant to your Advice, and in Conſequence of your Support, exerted my Endeavours for the Preſervation of the Houſe of Auſtria, and the Maintenance of the Balance and Liberties of Europe. It has pleaſed God to give Succeſs to our Arms, in Conjunction with thoſe of the Queen of Hungary, and as her Auxiliaries. The Dominions of that Princeſs have been entirely evacuated by her Enemies; and the powerful Armies which had marched to their Aſſiſtance, have been obliged to retire out of the Empire. In this Conjuncture, it is a great Satisfaction to me to acquaint you, that I have been joined by a Body of Troops of my good Friends and Allies the States General.

In further Proſecution of theſe Meaſures, the Definitive Treaty between me, the Queen of Hungary, and the King of Sardinia, has been happily concluded, which ſhall be laid before you. The Advantages, which cannot fail to reſult from this Alliance, to the Common Cauſe, are apparent; and it will be particularly conducive to the Intereſts of my Kingdoms, by diſappointing the ambitious Views of the Crown of Spain, with which we are engaged in ſo juſt and neceſſary a War. As I make no Doubt, but you will proceed upon theſe Foundations with Firmneſs and Conſtancy, we may reaſonably hope to ſee the publick Tranquility reeſtabliſhed, and a general and honourable Peace obtained. Theſe are my Views, to which my utmoſt Attention and Reſolution ſhall not be wanting: But, in order to bring about theſe great Ends, Meaſures of Vigour are neceſſary; and to enable me to concert and carry on ſuch Meaſures, I do, with a juſt Confidence, rely on your zealous, cheerful, and effectual Support.

The Marriage of my youngeſt Daughter with the Prince Royal of Denmark, cannot but give Satisfaction to all my good Subjects, as it tends to cement and ſtrengthen the Proteſtant Intereſt in Europe.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I have ordered the Eſtimates to be laid before you, for the Service of the enſuing Year; and deſire you to grant me ſuch Supplies, as ſhall be requiſite for the Honour and Security of the Nation, and adequate to the Exigencies of the Publick.

In doing this, let me particularly recommend it to you, to enable me to concert proper Meaſures, and to enter into, and make good ſuch Alliances and Engagements with other Powers, as may be neceſſary for the Support of the Queen of Hungary, and reſtoring the Balance of Power.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have had ſuch Experience of your Duty and Affection to me, and of your Zeal for the Good of your Country, that it would be ſuperfluous to add any Thing to preſs theſe important Conſiderations upon you. Union and Harmony amongſt ourſelves, and Vigour and Diſpatch in your Proceedings, are indiſpenſably neceſſary in ſuch Conjunctures. Let nothing obſtruct or divert your Steadineſs and Application to the great Ends which I have laid before you; and be aſſured, that nothing can ever divert me from purſuing your true and laſting Intereſt.

St. James's, December 2.

The following Addreſs of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Coventry, in Council aſſembled, was preſented to his Majeſty by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Recorder of the ſaid City. Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Coventry, in Council aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and faithful Subjects of this your ancient and ever loyal City, moſt humbly and heartily congratulate your Majeſty on your ſafe Return to your Britiſh Dominions.

We further beg Leave to congratulate your Majeſty upon the Marriage of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Louiſa to the Prince Royal of Denmark; an Alliance eſteemed by us as a remarkable Inſtance of your Majeſty's great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, in uniting and ſtrengthning the Proteſtant Intereſt in Europe.

We ſincerely rejoice with your Majeſty upon the ſafe Delivery of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales; and that another Prince is now added to the many Bleſſings we at preſent Enjoy, and foreſee in your illuſtrious Houſe: A Royal Family, under which we have hitherto happily experienc'd the quiet and uninterrupted Enjoyment of our Religion, Liberties and Properties: A Family, from which we cannot but Promiſe to ourſelves and our Poſterity an endleſs Source and Succeſſion of future Felicity.

We further crave Leave to addreſs your Majeſty upon the glorious Succeſs of your Arms againſt the French, in Defence of the Liberties of Europe at the late Battle of Dettingen; a Victory chiefly owing (under God) to your Majeſty's Preſence and perſonal Bravery.

With thankful Hearts to Heaven, for the Preſervation and Protection of your ſacred Majeſty on that auſpicious Day, and for the many ſignal Inſtances of your Royal Goodneſs and Concern for our Happineſs and Welfare, we humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty of our higheſt Returns of Duty, Zeal and Affection; and that our Lives and Fortunes ſhall ever be moſt chearfully devoted to ſupport and defend your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Honour and Dignity of your Crown.

In Teſtimony whereof, we have hereunto put our Common Seal this 23d Day of November, in the Year of our Lord 1743.

St. James's, December 2.

The following Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Borough of King's Lynn, in Council aſſembled, was preſented to the King by Sir John Turner, Bart. and Edward Bacon, Eſq; their Repreſentatives in Parliament, who were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Dunmore, one of the Lords of his Majeſty's Bedchamber in Waiting. Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Borough of King's Lynn, in Council aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Borough of King's Lynn, in Council aſſembled, humbly preſume to congratulate your Majeſty upon your ſafe and happy Return to theſe your Dominions, after the Dangers and Fatigues you have undergone, for the Protection of your Allies, and the Support of the Liberties of Europe.

Prompted by real Duty and Affection, we beg Leave more particularly to congratulate your Majeſty upon the glorious Succeſs of your Arms at Dettingen, owing (under God) to your Majeſty's Conduct and Behaviour. A Behaviour, Sir, that ſtruck Terror into the Hearts of your Enemies, and filled Europe with Admiration, demands the ſincereſt, the loudeſt Acknowledgements of a grateful People.

Permit us, Sir, at the ſame time, to offer our moſt ſincere Congratulations upon the Increaſe of your Royal Family by the Birth of a Prince; and our moſt hearty Thanks for this freſh Inſtance of your Majeſty's great Regard and Attention to the Security of the Proteſtant Intereſt, by the Marriage of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Louiſa with the Prince Royal of Denmark.

We heartily implore the Divine Providence, that watched over you in the Day of Battle, to grant your Majeſty a long and happy Reign, as well for the Proſperity of theſe your Kingdoms, as for the general Welfare of Europe: And in all Duty and Gratitude, we beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that we will contribute, to the utmoſt of our Power, to the Eaſe and Support of your Majeſty's Government.

Given under our Common Seal at the Guild-hall in the Borough aforeſaid, this Twenty-eighth Day of November, in the Seventeenth Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

Naples, Nov. 12. By Directions from the Court, M. Mahony the Vicar General in Calabria was lately recalled hither to aſſiſt at a Conference, which was held in the Preſence of the King, relating, as is ſaid, to the State of the Malady at Reggio and its Neighbourhood, which continues to afflict the Country; and though it is pretended with leſs Mortality, yet the Government appears extremely uneaſy about it. The King, on Notice that ſince the Diſcovery of the Sickneſs at Meſſina and Calabria no Accidents have happened in the Eccleſiaſtical State, has ordered the Barriers, Guards, &c. to be removed from the Land Side on the Borders of this Kingdom with that State, and only the uſual Precautions to be continued by Sea. Repeated Councils of State have been held at Court upon the Diſpatches lately brought by a Courier from the Spaniſh Army in the Romagna, the Purport of which are kept very ſecret. On the 3d Inſtant their Majeſties and young Princeſs returned to the City from Portici.

Florence,

Florence, Nov. 19. The Armies in our Neighbourhood have for ſome Time remained almoſt in a total Inaction, except the Miquelets and Huſſars, who make frequent Excurſions to each others Quarters. M. de Gages has lately made a ſecond Attempt to ſurprize the Avant Guard of the Auſtrian Army that was at the Cattolica; a Party of 3000 Spaniards marched with great Privacy from Peſaro to the Cattolica, with a View of cutting off the Communication of that Part of the Auſtrian Army (conſiſting chiefly of Huſſars) with the Army, for which Purpoſe Part of thoſe Spaniſh Troops arrived, and poſted themſelves at the Gate of the Cattolica, which leads to Rimini, whilſt the reſt entered by another Gate before the Auſtrians had any previous Notice of their Arrival. This occaſioned a great Alarm; but the Huſſars ſoon forced their Way through the Spaniards; on which Occaſion ſome few were killed on both Sides, the Spaniards took a few Priſoners, ſet Fire to ſome Forrages, and carried off a Cart with Baggage. As ſoon as Prince Lobcowitz had Notice of this Accident, he immediately advanced in Perſon, and ſent a Detachment of 1000 regular Troops, and 600 Sclavonians, under the Command of Count Cauviani Colonel of Roth's Regiment; and not being at that Time acquainted how far the Affair was engaged, he gave Orders that the Regiment of Cuiraſſiers, Berlinckingen, and that of Dragoons of Eugene de Savoye ſhould follow, and countermanded two other Regiments of Cuiraſſiers and Dragoons that were on their March from Rimini to Ceſena; but the Spaniards were retired to Peſaro before any of the above Troops could come up. Theſe continual Excurſions of the Spaniards engaged Prince Lobcowitz for ſome Days to retire his Avant Guard from the Cattolica, as it was too much expoſed to the Enemy; but after having diſpoſed his Horſe in a proper Manner, to prevent the like Surprizes, he again took Poſſeſſion of that Place: He has beſides, for greater Precaution, cauſed two Regiments of Foot, Teutchmaiſter and Andreaſi, with all the Field Artillery, to join him at Rimini. The Spaniards boaſt extremely of the Advantage they gained in this Excurſion; but the Auſtrians make very light of it in their Letters. On the 11th Inſtant M. de Gages removed all the Artillery and Ammunition from Fano to Peſaro, the Inhabitants of which were greatly alarmed to ſee them begin to place it on the Walls of the City; on which Account they made ſtrong Remonſtrances to the Spaniſh General: Part of it was mounted, and Part ſent to the Lines the Spaniards have drawn about a Mile diſtant from the City, where they are fortifying themſelves. Theſe Steps have occaſioned ſo much Conſternation, that the Chief Inhabitants of Peſaro have left the City. The Spaniards continue to fortify Civita Caſtellana, in which upwards of 500 People are continually at Work under the Direction of two Ingineers and ſome Officers from Orbitello, beſides others from M. de Gages's Army; and though that Place is capable of receiving but a very few Men, a Reſolution had been taken to cut down all the Trees for a certain Diſtance, which conſiſting chiefly of Olives, that Community has made Applications to the Court of Rome to prevent ſo great a Damage. They are collecting large Quantities of Proviſions of all Sorts, and making a very conſiderable Number of Faſcines. At the Inſtance of Prince Lobcowitz, Admiral Mathews has ſent two of his Ships to cruize in different Stations on the Coaſts of Calabria, and was on the Point of ſending two more into the Adriatick, to prevent the Spaniards being ſupplied with Proviſions by Sea. On the 14th, a Battalion of Vaſquez Regiment from Milan paſſed by the Walls of Bologna, on their March to join Prince Lobcowitz's Army.

Lisbon, Dec. 2. About Ten Days ago his Portugueſe Majeſty had a fainting Fit; but upon looſing a little Blood came to himſelf, and is now as he has been for ſome Months paſt. The Queen is at preſent out of Order with St. Anthony's Fire, which has obliged her Majeſty to keep her Bed theſe three Days paſt, but ſhe is now better.

Whitehall, December 3.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto the Reverend Thomas Wilſon, Doctor in Divinity, and one of His Majeſty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Place and Dignity of a Prebendary of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter Weſtminſter, void by the Promotion of the Right Reverend Father in God Dr. Mathew Hutton, late Prebendary thereof, to the Biſhoprick of Bangor.

Whitehall, December 3.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto John Pine, Gent. His Majeſty's Chief Engraver of Signets, Seals, Stamps, &c. the Office and Place of Blue Mantle Purſuivant of Arms in Ordinary.

Dublin, November 22.

Saturday laſt being the Birth-day of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales, the Great Guns were fired at his Majeſty's Park the Phœnix, and anſwered by Vollies from the Regiments in Garriſon, which were drawn out upon Oxmantown Green. At Noon there was a numerous and ſplendid Appearance of the Nobility and other Perſons of Diſtinction, to compliment his Grace the Grace the Lord Lieutenant upon this Occaſion; and at Night there was a Play given by his Grace for the Entertainment of the Ladies.

Whitehall, November 26, 1743.

Whereas it has been repreſented to his Majeſty, that John Stewart, of Caſtle Stewart in the County of Galloway in North Britain, Eſq; was, in the Night, between the 18*th and* 19*th Inſtant, robbed, in his Bed-Chamber, of his Portmanteau, in which was contain'd the Sum of Two hundred eighty five Pounds and nine Shillings, ſealed up in a yellow Canvas Bag, as alſo other Goods, by a Perſon or Perſons unknown, at the Houſe of Solomon Harris, being the Crown Inn, at Fakenham, in the County of Norfolk; which ſaid Portmanteau, and all the Goods therein contained, except the ſaid Sum of Money, have been ſince found. His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice*